

North Carolina Board of Transportation
Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations
Room 150, Transportation Building
Raleigh, NC
April 30, 2014
1:13 pm – 1:36 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Smith, Michael Lee, Gus Tullos, Ed Grannis, Jake Alexander, John Collett, Lou Wetmore, Larry Kernea,

Others in Attendance: Aurea Rodriguez, Ed Green, Greg Burns, Tim Little, Wally Bowman, Pat Ivey, Keith Weatherly, Sebastian Montagne, Susan Pullium, Dan Madding and Dana Friedrichs

Chair Mike Smith called the meeting to order. Meeting started at 1:13 pm

A motion to approve April 2, 2014, Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations meeting minutes was made by Larry Kernea and seconded by Jake Alexander. The motion was approved.

Sebastian introduced Mr. Danny Madding with Department of Agriculture and Customer Services to provide a draft update of Low Weight Bridges and its impact on our industries/communities in North Carolina.

Mr. Danny Madding from NC Department of Agriculture and Customer Services (NCDA&CS) opened the presentation on a recent joint analysis between the two Agencies. The brief served to update the Committee only, with no requirement for action by the Committee. The intent of the analysis was a result of comments made by the NC agricultural commodity representatives at the December 2013 Agricultural Infrastructure Committee (AIC). The commodity representatives listed low weight bridges, ≤ 90,000lbs, as the biggest challenge to agriculture business in NC. From those comments, NCDOT and NCDA&CS worked jointly on a beta planning tool to prioritize bridges as they relate to Agricultural industries. Completion of the planning tool will be presented to NCDOT staff for further review.

Mr. Smith was pleased with presentation from Mr. Madding, and to report back to the Committee when the planning tool was completed.

Sebastian Montagne, of NCDOT, also presented a list NCDOT projects, compiled by Division Engineers, as they relate to North Carolina's military bases and communities. The intent was to update a list compiled by NCDOT in 2013 on all projects which improved and benefited military vehicle movement within the State, or to ports of embarkation and debarkation, across all modes. The list also included improvements made across all modes that related to military members and their families as they relate to quality of life. The list will be updated regularly to keep the Committee abreast of how NCDOT is improving the connectivity of military units for strategic purposes and military dependents' accessibility to essential services.

Mr. Lee announced the new Ports Authority Director and possibly to invite him to our next Committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm